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SUBJ: ALPHA HELIX EXPEDITION-PHASE VII

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1. EC/COM COUNSELOR LEFT NOTE DRAWING ON CONTENTS REFTEL WITH CLARA LOPEZ DE PONCE DE LEON, CHIEF OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CONSULAR AFFAIRS DIVISION AND PERSON NOW CHARGED WITH COORDINATING GOC POSITION ON EXPEDITION. COPY OF NOTE WAS LEFT WITH COL. JULIO LONDONO, CHIEF OF THE FRONTIERS DIVISION AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO HAD COORDINATING RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL ABOUT A MONTH AGO. IN EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH LONDONO, EC/COM COUNSELOR REQUESTED HIS ASSISTANCE IN THE EVENT ADDITIONAL OBSTACLES TO PHASE VII EMERGE.

2. PONCE DE LEON READ NOTE CAREFULLY BUT HAD NO REACTION TO ITS CONTENTS. SHE STATED (CORRECTLY) THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE, BECAUSE OF THE HOLIDAYS, TO CONTACT ALL INTERESTED PARTIES UNTIL AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR AND ADDED THAT SHE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A REPLY FOR US AROUND JAN 10. SHE TOOK WRITTEN NOTES OF EC/COM COUNSELOR'S STATEMENTS ON USG POSITION REGARDING ARTICLE THREE OF RESOLUTION 626B AND NEED FOR PROMPT REPLY ON COLOMBIAN PARTICIPANTS (THESE POINTS ALSO COVERED IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. WE WILL CONTACT PONCE DE LEON IN EARLY JAN TO DETERMINE PROGRESS IN REPLYING TO OUR NOTE.
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